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Adkins Arboretum Hosts Ninth Annual Race to Celebrate Arbor Day

Runners, walkers, families and nature enthusiasts are invited to enjoy emerging signs of spring when Adkins Arboretum hosts its <u>ninth annual</u> <u>Arbor Day Run</u> on Sat., April 5.

Managed by <u>TriSportsEvents</u> and featuring a 5K Run, a 5K Walk, and a free Healthy Kids 100-yard dash, the event is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an early spring morning in nature. Participants will catch glimpses of spring as they run the cross-country trail plotted along the Arboretum's network of scenic forest and meadow paths.

Awards will be presented for all events. Post-race activities include refreshments, a nature project for children and a native tree raffle. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the Kids' Dash at 8:50 a.m. The 5K Run and 5K Walk commence at 9 a.m.

Registration is underway, with a discount for those who register by March 29. For fee information or to register, visit <u>adkinsarboretum.org</u> or call 410.634.2847, ext. 0



Families make tracks along a woodland path during Adkins Arboretum's 2013 Arbor Day Run. Registration is open for the 2014 Run on Sat., April 5. Photo by Ann Rohlfing.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. To sponsor the Arbor Day Run, contact Kate Rattie at 410-634-2847, ext. 33 or krattie@adkinsarboretum.org.

Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its <u>Campaign to Build a Green Legacy</u>, it will build the <u>W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum</u> and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit <u>www.adkinsarboretum.org</u> or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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